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Dear Sir:

In response to the supplemental restriction requirement contained in the Office Action of September 24, 2002, Applicants respectfully elect Group IA (i.e., claims 1-5, 8-24 and 47-48), with traverse.

Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications in connection with all non-elected claims.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the above, she is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.



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